

Tennessee Citizens to Andrew Jackson, October 7, 1803, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

PETITION.

October 7, 1803.

Sir , We have heard with concern that at the expiration of the present Term of the superior Court you intend resigning the office of Judge which you now hold. That the laws should be impartially administered by men of Talents and integrity we think a matter of the highest importance to society at all times; and hope there never may be a period when this state may have greater necessity for men of pure principles and sound Judgment on the Judicial Bench than we believe the present.

In your Talents and uprightness we have the highest confidence; and should you now resign we for ourselves and country would sincerely lament the loss thereby sustained. Permit us therefore seriously to solicit your continuance in Office as much longer as your own situation will by any means authorise, that our common country may derive additional benefits from those powers of thought and that independance of mind which nature never designed should be lost in retirement.

Accept our assurance of wishes for your happiness and prosperity and believe that we are yours with the highest respect,

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